2014-2015 President's Report

CO-LIN

This was a very special year for me as President of Copiah-Lincoln Community College. During graduation ceremonies this spring, I shared in the joy of other parents attending when my son Brandon graduated with his associate's degree from Co-Lin. I have always been proud to serve as Co-Lin's President, and it was a privilege to present my son with his diploma. He, like many other graduates, benefited from an exceptional group of instructors, caring advisors, and great coaches that have always been present at Co-Lin.

We had a record number of students graduate from Copiah-Lincoln Community College this year proving that much of what we have done to encourage our students to graduate is working. A recent report released by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center shows that Co-Lin students perform better than the national average. In fact our completion rate at Co-Lin is higher than the national and state averages!

It was also a year of success for many of our athletic programs. Our women's basketball team won the MACJC state championship that we hosted, and the Wolfpack football team hosted the MACJC championship, but lost a disappointing game against EMCC. Both our tennis teams were named the academic teams of the year in Mississippi, and the men's team was named the NJCAA Academic Team of the Year.

In 2014-2015, the Co-Lin Foundation experienced one of its best years ever in collecting donations and gifts to benefit the college. Our Foundation assets are now close to $8 million and provides a needed financial resource to Co-Lin. It is my hope all of our Co-Lin supporters and alumni will continue to assist our college's growth and development through their donations to the Foundation.

On a sad note, we lost a sitting Co-Lin Board of Trustees member for the first time in many years. Mr. Rickey Smith was a dedicated and passionate member of our Board, and we appreciate all he did to make our college better. Our thoughts and prayers are with Vanessa, Alex and Millie.

In closing, I want to thank our faculty and staff for the work they do year after year. We are blessed to have employees eager to support unique and special opportunities for our students. As college President, I am very proud of all we have accomplished this past year, and I look forward to the years ahead.

Ronald E. Nettles

"I am very pleased with the work that our leadership team did this past year to prepare for our on-site reaffirmation committee visit by the Southern Association of College and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)."

Dr. Ronnie Nettles

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Three Campuses

Wesson

Chemistry labs in Smith Hall were totally renovated this past year. Students and faculty were excited to utilize these labs during the spring.

A new press box at Stone Stadium was a welcome addition to the athletic facilities at the college. This new facility was utilized by Co-Lin and the Wesson Attendance Center.

The Wesson Campus worked with the Department of Transportation, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and the MS Bureau of Buildings and Grounds on many improvements to the campus including a Pedestrian Corridor, the Walking Trail, and the Early Childhood Education Technology Instructional Facility.

Natchez

The Natchez Campus hosted or partipated in many community events including festivals, food drives, blood drives, 5Ks, veterans events, book clubs, Regional Science Olympiad, and Special Olympics. In addition, the college has begun discussions with Adams County to offer an Early College on the Natchez Campus.

Simpson County

The Simpson County Center was able to complete a much-needed parking lot construction project to provide 51 additional spaces for student and staff parking. This improvement will allow for more adequate parking as the campus continues to grow.

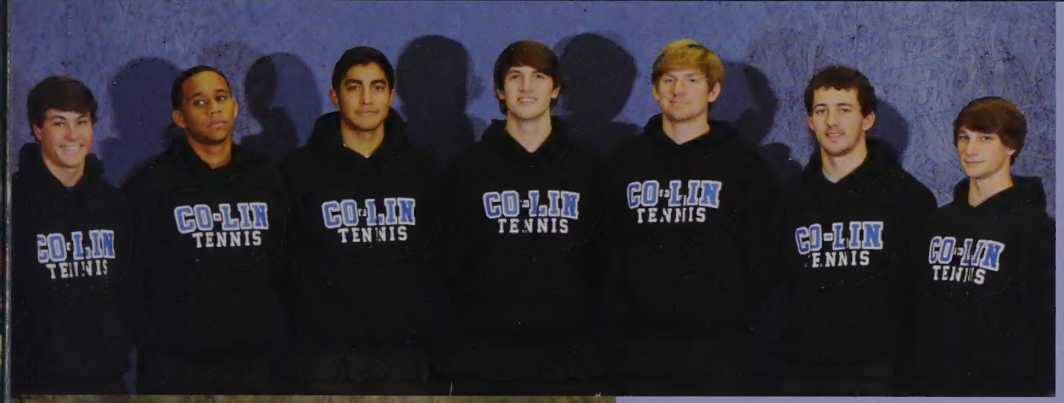
Student Success

Student Organizations/Activities

The college celebrated the success of many talented students. Leadership and service were practiced as Co-Lin students participated in a variety of student organizations. Student government leaders proposed the adoption of a smoke-free institution. This change aligned with the wellness initiative implemented this past year.

Phi Theta Kappa chapters received much recognition this year. The All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team was recognized in Jackson during the spring. Phi Beta Lambda students competed in Chicago this past summer. The Seawolves Underwater Robotics Engineering (SURE) Team recently participated in the 2015 M.A.T.E. International Remote Operated Vehicle Competition held in Canada. They placed 4th in the Explorer Class, out-scoring many prestigious institutions across the globe. Supporters followed the progress of the SURE team through online posts to Facebook® and Twitter®.

Graduation ceremonies served as the culmination of a great year with over 700 graduates receiving diplomas and certificates.



Athletics

Co-Lin athletics had another exceptional year on the field and in the classroom. The Wolfpack men's tennis team repeated as the NJCAA's No. 1 Academic Team of the Year and the MACJC's Overall No. 1 Academic Team of the Year. The Lady Wolves repeated as the NJCAA's No. 2 Academic Team of the Year and the MACJC's No.1 Overall Academic Team of the Year. Co-Lin led the state with 19 student-athletes recognized for academic excellence in the classroom.

The Lady Wolves basketball team won another MACJC State Championship and another South Division Championship, their second in the three years. The Lady Wolves posted a 27-1 record giving Head Coach Gwyn Young 864 career wins.

The Wolfpack football team (8-3) won the South Division Championship and were the MACJC State Runners-Up falling to eventual NJCAA National Champion East Mississippi in the title game. Sophomore wide receiver Donald Gray was named NJCAA First Team All-American and sophomore kick returner Diquan Davis was named Second Team All-American.

Red-shirt freshman Jacob Ross tied for fifth place in the NJCAA Division II National Golf Tournament and was named NJCAA First Team All-American, the first player to receive this honor. Ross was also named to the NJCAA National Golf Tournament All-Tournament Team, Golf Coaches Association of American NJCAA Division II All-Freshman Team, NJCAA Division II PING All-American Honorable Mention and NJCAA Division II Al-Central Region Team.

Educational Programs

Expanded Programs

The college received approval from the Mississippi Community College Board to expand The Early Childhood Education Technology Program to the Simpson County Center. In addition, the Diesel Technology and Commercial Truck Driving Programs were expanded to the Natchez Campus.

New Funding

A Department of Labor Grant was awarded to enhance the existing Diesel Program on Wesson Campus and allow program expansion on the Natchez Campus. In addition, a Kellogg Grant was awarded to expand I-Best Instruction to existing Career-Technical Programs. Delta Healthcare Grants were awarded to develop CNA test preparation skills and to develop a curriculum for Telehealth in healthcare programs. Division of Workforce Education received an allocation from the WET fund to purchase equipment for workforce/career-technical training.

New Partnership

A 2+2 agreement in Culinary Arts was signed this past year with Mississippi University for Women to allow technical courses to transfer and apply toward a Bachelor's Degree.

Community Involvement

The college maintained its strong support of the community in a variety of ways. Students and employees clocked a number of community service hours at numerous events across the Co-Lin District ranging from blood drives to volunteer services.

The Division of Community Services implemented computerized GED testing this year on all three campuses. This is a new opportunity to work toward addressing the needs of students that do not complete high school.

The Division of Workforce Training provided local business and industry with valuable employee training to meet specific needs. New equipment was purchased this year to expand training options for the district.

Employee Recognition

The college recognized outstanding faculty and staff members at Fall Convocation. In addition, faculty advisors were also recognized. This year, the instructors selected as William Winter Scholars were Charlotte Stewart, Joe Swoveland and Chris Warren.

Administrators were also recognized for service and leadership. Drew Thompson participated in the Mississippi Education Policy Fellowship Program, and Dr. Dewayne Middleton was recognized by the Magee Chamber of Commerce as being the Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Karen Gaudet was named Administrator of the Year at the statewide Adult Basic Education Conference.

High Performance Award recipients for the Wesson Campus included Pam Reid, Calvin Green, Daniel Case, Steven Esch, Jenna Dickerson and Lisa Bodin. Natchez Campus recipients included Drew Thompson, Riley Montgomery, Angie Friloux and Frederick Lane. Simpson County Center recipients included Emily Collins and Charlotte Stewart. Valley Food Service winners included Myrtis Tillman and Shirley Williams. Co-Lin maintenance recipients included Robert Newton and Lee Meredith.

Foundation & Alumni

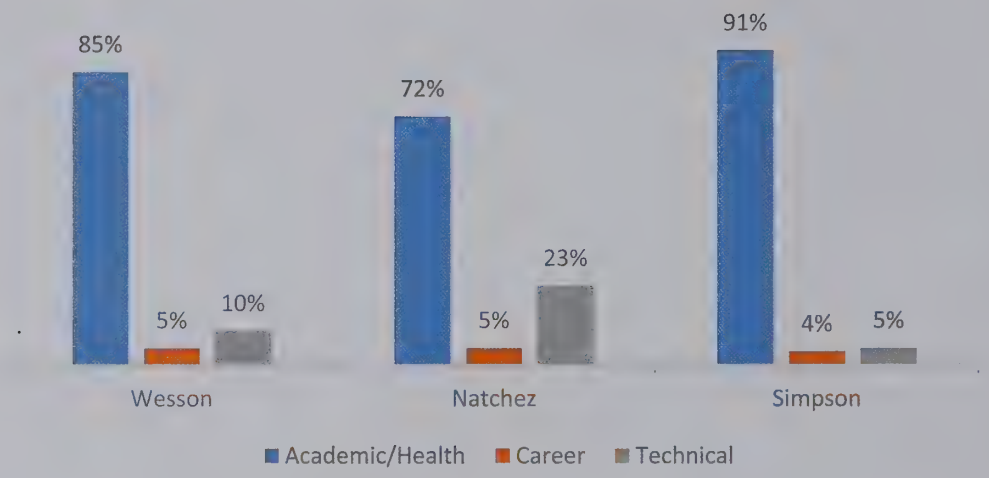
This past year the Co-Lin Foundation accepted gifts of more than $300,000. This includes scholarship support, program support, general contributions, and funds from special events. Approximately $200,000 is awarded annually to support 150 student scholarships. The current value of the assets of the Foundation is close to $8 million.

The Foundation inducted five new major donors into its Hall of Fame- Sonya Cowen of Wesson, David and Debbie Massey of Mendenhall, Silver Cross Home Foundation, Randy and Cherry Morris of Oak Grove, La., and Ronald and Sandra Wojcik of Brookhaven.

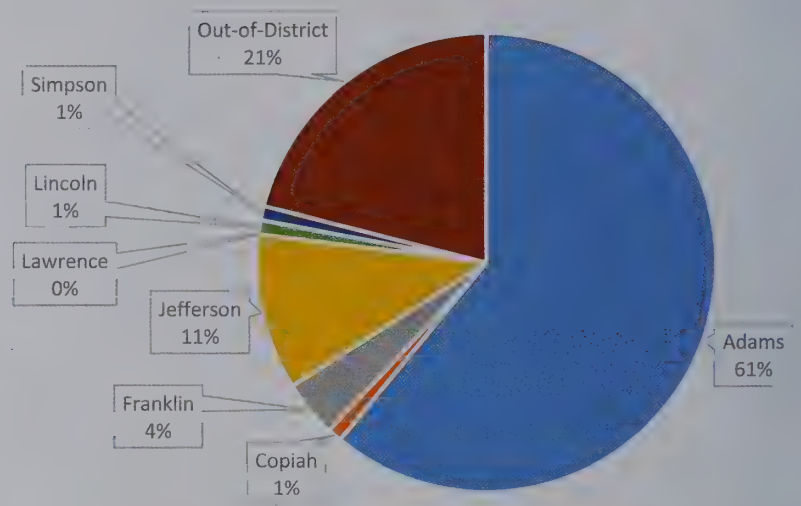
The Foundation and Alumni Office sponsored a cruise to Alaska for alumni and friends. Approximately 40 individuals will be taking advantage of this opportunity.

Enrollment

Enrollment by Division



Natchez Campus Enrollment



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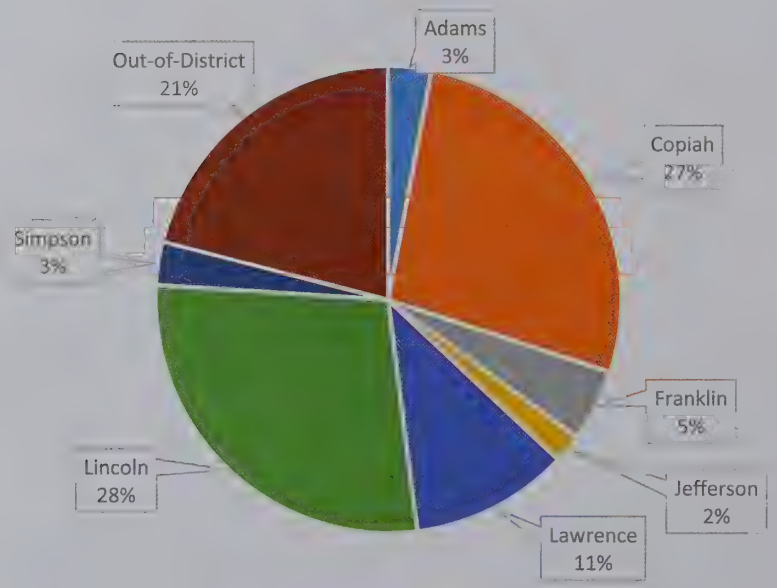
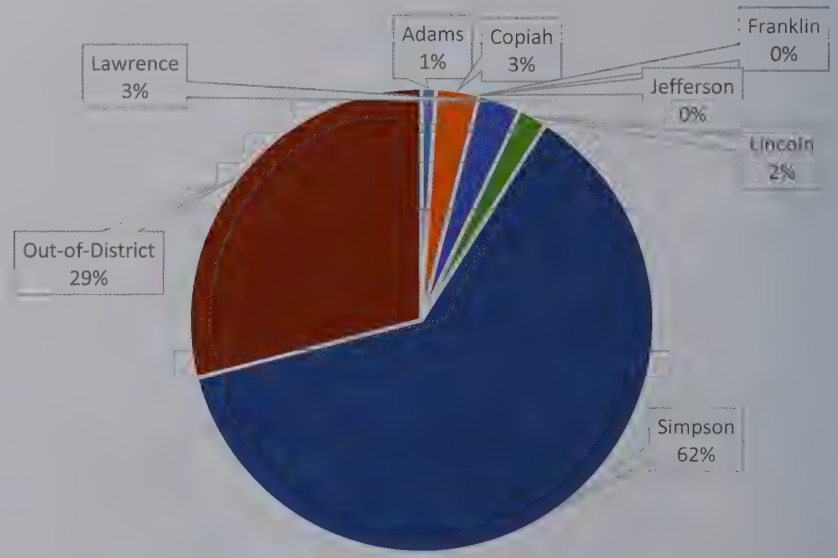


Simpson County Center Enrollment



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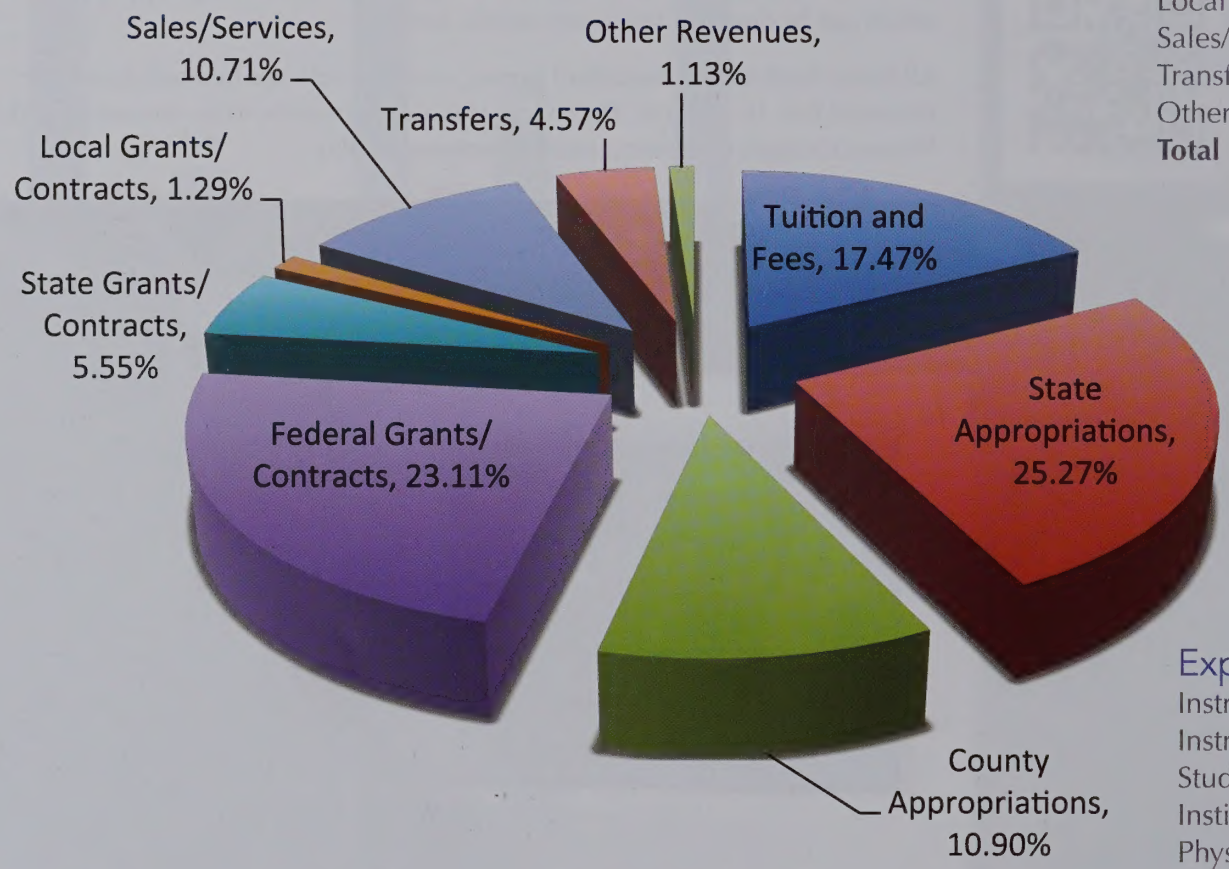
Connections

Information is shared with students, employees and the public utilizing electronic resources. The Co-Lin website (www.colin.edu) serves as a source of information for all three campuses and provides a link to employee and student accounts. The athletic website (www.colinathletics.com) contains information regarding athletic teams, schedules and statistics. You can also find us Facebook (www.facebook.com/copiahlincoln), Twitter (www.twitter.com/CopiahLincolnCC), and Instagram (www.instagram/colinathletics). The college added a new mobile application which can be downloaded to any mobile device.

All home football and basketball games, as well as selected baseball games are streamed live. In addition, the college was able to provide video streaming at the Wesson Campus Commencement Ceremony in May.

Financial Stability

FY 2013-2014 Revenues



Revenue Funds

Tuition and Fees	$ 7,764,887.50
State Appropriations	$11,231,300.64
County Appropriations	$ 4,845,346.94
Federal Grants/Contracts	$10,272,513.17
State Grants/Contracts	$ 2,466,453.48
Local Grants/Contracts	$ 574,775.35
Sales/Services	$ 4,762,165.72
Transfers	$ 2,030,958.88
Other Revenues	$ 502,715.75
Total	$44,451,117.43

Expenses (by Function)

Instructional	$13,853,672.95
Instructional Support	$ 1,237,515.09
Student Services	$ 3,372,379.93
Institutional Support	$ 5,176,498.51
Physical Plant	$ 5,601,618.01
Auxiliaries	$ 4,512,100.46
Debt Services	$ 1,063,979.41
Financial Aid	$ 9,633,353.07
Total	$44,451,117.43

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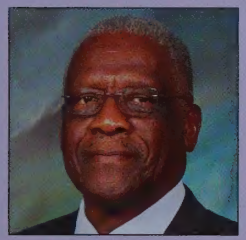
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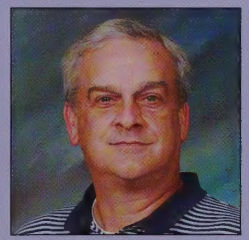
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